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Organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. In order to assist the Sixth Committee in the organization of its work, the Secretariat considers it appropriate, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963 and 32/71 of 9 December 1977 and of rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to draw the attention of the Sixth Committee to the information below.

Items allocated to the Sixth Committee

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly allocated 20 items to the Sixth Committee. The list of those items, organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, is contained in a letter dated 21 September 2012 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Sixth Committee, which has been circulated as a document of the Committee (A/C.6/67/1).

Documentation relating to the items allocated to the Sixth Committee

3. The table below lists the documents of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly relating to the items allocated to the Sixth Committee. It includes references to the reports of commissions or committees and the reports that are to be submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions or decisions of the Assembly at preceding sessions, as well as to documents circulated under the agenda items allocated to the Sixth Committee,[1] in accordance with requests of Member States.

[1] The figure in brackets after the title of each item indicates its number on the agenda of the sixty-seventh session. The list of documents is based on information available as at 24 September 2012.

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	Projected date of issuance
Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5]	No advance documentation required
Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission [76]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/67/213)	Issued
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-fifth session [77]	
Report of the Commission (A/67/17)	End of September
United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [78]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/67/___)	Mid-October
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-third and sixth-fourth sessions [79]	
Report of the Commission (A/66/10 and Add.1)	Issued
Report of the Commission (A/67/10)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to special rapporteurs of the International Law Commission (oral)	
Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [80]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/67/182)	Issued
Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [81]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/67/126)	Issued
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [82]	
Report of the Special Committee (A/67/33)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (A/67/189)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/67/190)	Issued

	Projected date of issuance
The rule of law at the national and international levels [83]	
Report of the Secretary-General on delivering justice: programme of action to strengthen the rule of law at the national and international levels (A/66/749)	Issued
Annual report of the Secretary-General on strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities (A/67/___)	End of September
The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction [84]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/67/116)	Issued
Measures to eliminate international terrorism [105]	
Report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance for implementing international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (A/67/158)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/67/162 and Add.1)	Issued Early October for the addendum
Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [116] (adoption of a provisional programme of work for the sixty-eighth session) (resolution 58/316)	No advance documentation required
Programme planning [131]	
General Assembly resolutions 58/269, 62/224, 63/247, 64/229, 65/244, 66/8 and 66/294	Issued
Administration of justice at the United Nations [141]	
Report of the Internal Justice Council (A/67/98)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (A/67/349)	Issued
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [165]	
Report of the Committee (A/67/26)	Early November
Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly [166]	
Letter dated 2 May 2011 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/141)	Issued

	Projected date of issuance
Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly [167]	
Letter dated 10 August 2011 from the Permanent Representatives of Cambodia, Japan, Nepal, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/198)	Issued
Observer status for the Andean Development Corporation in the General Assembly [168]	
Letter dated 6 July 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/142)	Issued
Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly [169]	
Letter dated 10 August 2012 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/191)	Issued
Observer status for the European Organization for Nuclear Research in the General Assembly [170]	
Letter dated 16 August 2012 from the Permanent Representatives of France and Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/192)	Issued

Date for concluding the work of the Committee, order and approximate dates of consideration of items

4. Rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that:

> Each Main Committee, taking into account the closing date for the session fixed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, shall adopt its own priorities and meet as may be necessary to complete the consideration of the items referred to it. It shall at the beginning of the session adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item.

5. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/316 on further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, the Assembly, at its 82nd plenary meeting, on 9 December 2011, adopted decision 66/525 containing the provisional programme of work for the Sixth Committee for the sixty-seventh session of the Assembly. The Bureau of the Sixth Committee reconsidered the provisional programme of work in the light of the allocation of new items to the Committee by the Assembly and prepared a slightly modified provisional programme (see below).

6. The General Assembly, at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, upon the recommendation of the General Committee (A/67/250, para. 12), fixed the target date of 16 November 2012 for the completion of the work of the Sixth

Committee, which has also been taken into consideration in the preparation of the following work programme:

	Approximate dates of consideration
Sixth Committee (organization of work)	8 October
Measures to eliminate international terrorism [105]	8 and 9 October
The rule of law at the national and international levels [83]	10 October
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [82]	11 October
Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission [76]	12 October
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-fifth session [77]	15 October
Administration of justice at the United Nations [141]	15 and 16 October
Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly [166]	16 October
Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly [167]	16 October
Observer status for the Andean Development Corporation in the General Assembly [168]	16 October
Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly [169]	16 October
Observer status for the European Organization for Nuclear Research in the General Assembly [170]	16 October
The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction [84]	17 and 18 October
Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [80]	22 October
Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [81]	22 October
United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [78]	24 October
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-third[2] and sixty-fourth sessions [79]	29 October-7 November
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [165]	16 November

[2] Concerning the part on reservations to treaties.

	Approximate dates of consideration
Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [116]	16 November
Programme planning [131]	16 November
Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5]	16 November
In reserve	19 October and 8 November

Establishment of working groups and holding of consultations

7. Regarding agenda item 76, entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission", the General Assembly, in its resolution 66/93, reiterated its decision that, bearing in mind its resolutions 62/63 and 63/119, the consideration of the report of the Group of Legal Experts, in particular its legal aspects (see A/60/980), taking into account the views of Member States and the information contained in the note by the Secretariat (A/62/239), should be continued during its sixty-seventh session in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee. In that light and following consultations by the Bureau, two meetings, on 23 and 25 October, have been reserved for that purpose.

8. As regards agenda item 84, entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction", the General Assembly, by its resolution 66/103, decided that the Sixth Committee should continue its consideration of the item, without prejudice to the consideration of the topic and related issues in other forums of the United Nations, and for that purpose decided to establish, at its sixty-seventh session, a working group of the Sixth Committee to continue its thorough discussion of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, taking into account the informal working paper of the Working Group at the sixty-sixth session (A/C.6/66/WG.3/1). In that light and following consultations by the Bureau, three meetings, on 18, 19 and 25 October, have been reserved for that purpose.

9. Concerning agenda item 105, entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism", the General Assembly, by its resolution 66/105, decided that the Sixth Committee, at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, would establish a working group with a view to finalizing the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism and continuing to discuss the item included in its agenda by Assembly resolution 54/110 concerning the question of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations. The Assembly also decided to reconvene the Ad Hoc Committee in 2013, as appropriate, on dates to be decided at the sixty-seventh session, in order to, on an expedited basis, continue to elaborate the draft comprehensive convention. In that light and following consultations by the Bureau, three meetings, on 22 and 24 October and 6 November, have been reserved for that purpose.

10. In view of the limited conference services available to the Sixth Committee (see para. 12 below), any meetings for the working groups or for informal consultations will have to be accommodated within the overall meetings allocated to the Committee.

Deadline for the submission of draft resolutions with financial implications

11. According to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, "no resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General". It is therefore imperative that the Sixth Committee allow sufficient time for the preparation of estimates of expenditure by the Secretariat and for their consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee. Since 16 November has been fixed as the concluding date for the work of the Sixth Committee (see para. 6 above), 2 November would have to be considered the mandatory deadline for submission to the Fifth Committee of draft resolutions with financial implications, except for draft resolutions concerning items to be considered after that date. When submitting such proposals, delegations may also wish to bear in mind that, in most cases, a period of more than 48 hours is required for the Secretary-General to review the programme budget implications of proposals.

Conference resources available

12. The available conference facilities will, in principle, enable the Committee to hold no more than 10 plenary meetings per week. Morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

13. In order to avoid difficulties in the organization of services for the meetings of regional groups of the Committee, it is suggested that all requests for such meetings be channelled to the Meetings Management Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management through the Secretary of the Committee.